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remind them not to do that again. I would ask you to adopt that amendment.

PRESIDENT: Senator Barnett.

SENATOR BARNETT: Mr. President, I have got to ask Senator Mills where he put that amendment in. I think possibly it would be in the wrong spot because I think there is some language added there.

CLERK: It goes on line 8, page 3.

SENATOR BARNETT: At the end of the new amended line 8? You didn't put it after the word "space" by any chance?

SENATOR MILLS: No, sir, Senator Barnett, I did read the committee amendment and offered it on page 3, following the word "expense". It would read "unauthorized vehicles not displaying a distinguishing license plates issued to paraplegics will be towed away at owner's expense and may be fined not less than ten dollars nor exceed fifty dollars."

PRESIDENT: Senator Nichol.

SENATOR NICHOL: Senator Mills, how do you know that the car that hasbrought a paraplegic or crippled or disabled person has not done so just by looking at the car?

SENATOR MILLS: In the first part of the bill before it was amended, it was designated for those license plates showing a paraplegic. I am sure you have seen them, Senator Nichol.

SENATOR NICHOL: I have but what I am thinking of, both of my parents are in wheel chairs and I take them places all of the time but my license plate isn't designated and I was just thinking of the many people across the state who do this as volunteers who do not have a marked license plate or a marked vehicle. If you are going to be towing these away, I think it would tend to have people not do this for those who are disabled.

SENATOR MILLS: I appreciate your point, Senator Nichol. That is what the bill, itself, does do so if you are objectionable to that part of not having some type of identification, I believe the committee has amended the bill and I would hope that there could be something so those of us who do transport someone or use that particular area for a paraplegic would not be towed away. But that is the bill the way it is. I am merely adding some language that would allow a fine to be imposed upon those persons parked in that area.

SENATOR NICHOL: I just think that the bill needs a little working on, Senator Barnett, if this is the case. I don't want to create a hardship nor am I opposed to the bill but I do think it needs a little cleaning up.

PRESIDENT: Do you close debate? Wait, Senator Barnett, on Senator Mills' amendment.

SENATOR BARNETT: At the present time, I don't have any objection to this. I thought it wouldn't be needed but if

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